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Title: Need to introduce Air-India flights from Vancouver & Toronto in Canada to Amritsar and Chandigarh in Punjab.

SHRI RAVNEET SINGH (LUDHIANA) : On an average one member in each family in Punjab is staying abroad. Majority of them are settled in Canada. Recently, I have met several NRIs who have lamented that inspite of having an International Airports at Amritsar and Chandigarh, they have to travel atleast 8 hours by road to and from Delhi to catch an International flight.

The recent law and order problems in Haryana have added to their safety concerns and ban on diesel run taxis in Delhi has aggravated their problems.

They have expressed a desire to have a direct air connectivity between Vancouver and Amritsar as well as between Toronto and Amritsar. For this they have brought to my notice that only a single Air-India weekly flight to both the cities can solve the purpose of connecting them with Amritsar. Similarly, another Air-India weekly flight to both the cities can solve the purpose of connecting them with Chandigarh.

In view of the huge demand of the NRIs, the above mentioned suggestions will be very much profitable to the Air-India as well.